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In re Application of

Christophe FLETOOUT et al.

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For: Perforated Antenna for an Integrated Circuit Card, and an Integrated Circuit Card Including Such an Antenna

Examiner: Diane I. Lee
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SIR:

This is NOT a response to the Office Action dated April 9, 2003.

The above-mentioned Office Action has been designated as a Final Rejection. However, the basis given for it by the Examiner is that "Applicant's amendment necessitated a new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office Action... See MPEP §706.07(a)." However, there is no such amendment following the election of species requirement. Consequently, the Examiner's explanation is inappropriate.

Moreover, a Final Rejection would be appropriate only in connection with a second Office Action on the merits. However, this Office Action is only the first one on the merits.

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In view of the above, the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the finality of the outstanding action.

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